MR. K. GEORGE (*Land Revenue and Income Tax Commissioner*): About 1923, or so.

MR. T. KRISHNA PILLAI (*Neyyattinkara II*): Then may I know why no land was made available for colonization?

MR. K. GEORGE (*Land Revenue and Income Tax Commissioner*): Nobody wanted them.

MR. T. KRISHNA PILLAI (*Neyyattinkara II*): Sir, answer to part (*b*) of the question says that there were two applications. May I know the reasons why lands were not given to these applicants?

MR. K. GEORGE (*Land Revenue and Income Tax Commissioner*): In one case land was given *i. e.*, for the War Service Mens' Association. In the other case the party did not take further action when he was called upon to furnish certain information. He did not take any interest in it.

Incomplete Primary Schools.

288. *MR. KAINIKKARA M. PADMANABHA PILLAI (*Changanachery I*): Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) how many incomplete Primary Schools have been abolished during 1110 and 1111; and

(*b*) what amount have they gained in grant by abolishing them?

MR. C. V. CHANDRASEKHARAN (*Director of Public Instruction*):

(*a*) 1110 ... 51
1111 ... 70

(*b*) Rs. 14,420-21-0.

V. P. School, Maneed, in Muvattupuzha taluk.

289. *MR. K. M. KURIAKOSE (*Muvattupusha II*): Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) when the pay bills of the V. P. School, Maneed, in Muvattupuzha taluk, for each of the months beginning from Dhanu 1111 to Kanni 1112 have been sanctioned by the Inspector and sent to the Headmaster;

(*b*) a history of the pay bill of the same school for the month of Chingam 1112 till it was actually cashed in the treasury; and

(*c*) whether it is true that the Headmaster, Mr. P. C. Thomas, of the same school was fined, and, if so, the reasons for the same?

MR. C. V. CHANDRASEKHARAN (*Director of Public Instruction*):

(*a*) A *statement furnishing the information is placed on the table.

(*b*) The Headmaster, Maneed Primary School, returned the bill for Chingam 1112 to the Assistant Inspector of Schools, Muvattupuzha, on 22-2-1112 on the ground that the office stamp was not imprinted on the bill. It was received by the Assistant Inspector on 24-2-1112 and returned to the school on 25-2-1112. The bill is reported to have been cashed on 1-3-1112.

(*c*) Yes. For official irregularities.

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MR. K. M. KURIAKOSE (*Muvattupuzha II*): With reference to the answer to part (*b*) of the question, may I know who was responsible for not affixing the office stamp?

MR. C. V. CHANDRASEKHARAN (*Director of Public Instruction*): It must have been the office staff of the Assistant Inspector.

MR. K. M. KURIAKOSE (*Muvattupuzha II*): Is the member aware that the delay in cashing these bills causes great hardship to primary school teachers?

MR. C. V. CHANDRASEKHARAN (*Director of Public Instruction*): Yes.

MR. K. M. KURIAKOSE (*Muvattupuzha II*): Is the member aware that many of the teachers are not natives of the locality so that it adds to their hardship?

MR. C. V. CHANDRASEKHARAN (*Director of Public Instruction*): I am not aware of it.

MR. K. M. KURIAKOSE (*Muvattupuzha II*): With reference to part (*c*) of the answer, may I know the nature of the irregularity for which the Headmaster was punished?

MR. C. V. CHANDRASEKHARAN (*Director of Public Instruction*): The Headmaster was punished for making baseless charges against the office staff of the Assistant Inspector.

MR. K. M. KURIAKOSE (*Muvattupuzha II*): May I know whether one of the reasons for the Headmaster being punished was his complaint that the bill was not cashed early enough?

MR. C. V. CHANDRASEKHARAN (*Director of Public Instruction*): I have given the member all the information in my possession.

MR. K. M. KURIAKOSE (*Muvattupuzha II*): The answer merely says "official irregularities". Was there any special official irregularity committed by the Headmaster?

MR. C. V. CHANDRASEKHARAN (*Director of Public Instruction*): I stated that he made baseless charges against the office staff and against the Assistant Inspector.

MR. K. M. KURIAKOSE (*Muvattupuzha II*): May I know the nature of such baseless charges?

MR. C. V. CHANDRASEKHARAN (*Director of Public Instruction*): I have told the honourable member that I have given him all the information in my possession.

MR. K. M. KURIAKOSE (*Muvattupuzha II*): May I know from the member whether he will make an enquiry to see if the punishment was meted out to the Headmaster simply for the reason that he complained that the bill was cashed late?

MR. C. V. CHANDRASEKHARAN (*Director of Public Instruction*): I shall be glad to enquire into the matter.

Irrigation tanks converted into garden lands.

290. ***MR. K. PADMANABHAN** (*Chirayinkil I*): Will the Government be pleased to furnish a list of irrigation tanks or *chiras* in Chirayinkil taluk which have been converted into garden lands or

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(*b*) if so, what action was taken on such representation ;

(*c*) whether the Chief Engineer has visited the spot ; and

(*d*) if so, when and what has come out of his visit ?

MR. K. MADHAVA KURUP (*Ag. Secretary to Government*) : (*a*) Yes.

(*b*) An estimate received from the Chief Engineer is under the consideration of Government.

(*c*) Yes.

(*d*) He visited the spot on the 1st October 1936 and called for fresh proposals.

Appendix I.

***Vide* Answer to Question No. 289.**

Statement showing the pay bills of the V. P. School, Maneed, in Muvattupuzha taluk for each of the months beginning from Dhanu 1111 to Kanni 1112.

Period to which bill relates.			Date of sanction by Assistant Inspector.	Date of despatch to the Headmaster.
Dhanu	1111	...	4-6-1111	5-6-1111
Makaram	Do.	...	22-7-1111	23-7-1111
Kumbham	Do.	...	1-8-1111	2-8-1111
Meenam	Do.	...	4-9-1111	4-9-1111
Medam	Do.	...	8-10-1111	9-10-1111
Edavam	Do.	...	4-11-1111	4-11-1111
Mithunam	Do.	...	11-12-1111	11-12-1111
Karkatakam	Do.	...	2-1-1112	3-1-1112
Chingam	1112	...	16-2-1112	18-2-1112
Kanni	Do.	...	10-3-1112	11-3-1112

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